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The first session of the Encampment was opened with Department Commander presiding at 11:20 A.M. April 17th in ritualistic form.

Department Commander Lennon announced the appointment of F. V. Bell, P.D.C., as Assistant Secretary for the duration of the Encampment.

Encampment Committees—It was moved and seconded that the reading of the names of these committees be dispensed with.

Credential Committee, Roy C. Call, P.D.C., Chairman, made an initial report showing total of 31 voting delegates present.

Millard Brown, P.D.C., moved that all motions be presented in written form, that all resolutions be presented at the time provided for same, and that when only one nomination was made for any elective office that the Secretary be instructed to cast one ballot for election. Motion carried by voice vote.

Department Commander Lennon called for the Reports of Officers and these were offered and read as follows:

REPORT OF THE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

As your Department Commander, I have been aware of the kind honor that you have shown me and of the duties of office. It has been a very busy but rewarding year. I commend all other Department Officers who served with devotion and ability for the advancement of our Order. To Colonel Frederic Gilbert Bauer, Charles H. E. Moran and Alan Howland, who installed the Officers, goes my thanks for continued friendship and good counsel.

In May, I directed the flagging of the graves of Union Veterans at Mount Auburn Cemetery, Cambridge. Able assistance was given by Malcolm Donahue, C.C., Carder Perkins, J.V.C.C., and Boy Scouts from Dorchester. Annual Memorial Services were held in the Hall of Flags, State House, by Bay State Camp #61.

An excellent committee under John Day, Pamelia Elder, and Alice Harwood worked with great ability and energy to insure the success of the 77th National Encampment of the Sons held on

August 17-21 together with the Conventions of the Auxiliary and Ladies of the G.A.R. at the Sheraton Plaza. It was a grand affair.

A dinner and reception was held in honor of National President Ursula Shepardson at the Sheraton Plaza on December 6. Addison Quinn and Pamelia Elder headed a most competent committee. The program was excellent and entertainment provided by three lovely granddaughters of Charles Moran was wonderful. We were honored by the presence of Commander-in-Chief and Mrs. Earl Riggs of California.

The Friendly Relations Dinner under Chairman John Davis was most successful. A fine committee of the G.A.R. family was enabled to give three hi-fi sets to Children's Medical Center.

The Civil War Centennial Committee under Fred V. Bell, P.D.C., has continued its excellent work in many meetings. Senate President John E. Powers addressed two of the meetings, the second being held through his courtesy in the Massachusetts Senate Chamber. I recommend a rising vote of thanks to these great committees.

Governor Foster Furcolo appointed John Day and Ernest Wells to the Civil War Centennial Commission, and Lenahan O'Connell of the Loyal Legion and Sons was also appointed. Ernest has been appointed Secretary of the Commission and John is on the Financial Committee. A group headed by Frank Johnson of Camp #56 was received by the Mayor and City Council of Cambridge. We spoke of our aims in the coming Centennial.

A Country Fair was suggested by your Commander for the benefit of S.V.C. Clark Mellor's Fund at Pam Elder's house. Prizes were kindly donated by members of our Orders and $78.00 was raised. I recommend similar affairs to raise funds for our Department.

During the year our Department lost a good, devoted friend in the passing of George Kimball, P.D.C. Memorial Services were held in his memory and an expression of sympathy extended to his family. We learned only yesterday of the saddening death of President Catherine Raino of Auxiliary and we express our deep and sincere sympathy to George Raino, her family and Auxiliary. Catherine was a fellow worker in The Merchants National Bank of Boston, and a very lovely person. To all the families of those who have suffered the loss of loved ones goes our heartfelt sympathy.

Press Correspondent Harold Drown did excellent work in publicity for our Order. Through his efforts Nat L. Kline, Military Editor of the Boston Globe, expressed a kind interest in our Order and spoke of using more Civil War stories.

After assembling in G.A.R. Room #27 at the State House, the G.A.R. family was first to be received at the Reception to Governor Foster Furcolo in the Hall of Flags, a signal honor. At a dinner meeting of Bay State Camp #61 at Harvard Club, three new members were added to Camp that continues to grow. Twenty-five members of this Camp were present.

A joint meeting with Loyal Legion was held at First Corps

Cadet Armory and an open house was attended in the same quarters. Chairman James Wolf and the Allied G.A.R. family held an observance at Lincoln Monument in Park Square on February 12 in honor of the 150th Anniversary of President Abraham Lincoln's birth. Many meetings were attended at Department Headquarters, together with Secretary Fuller and Treasurer Henry Weiler and the Department Council. I recommend continued joint meetings each year with Military Order of Loyal Legion.

Howard Waite, John Day, William Fuller, Ernie Wells, Bill Haskell, Everett Atwood and others throughout the year made many efforts and were successful in some cases in retaining camps which had fallen in arrears. It was necessary to drop some camps, however, since our Department would suffer a financial loss if we continued per capita tax payments without any reports for several years. With the advent of the Centennial, I am sure that a larger number of members will join our Order. While the number in our organization continues to decrease, the quality remains high and interest in our Order is edifying and inspiring. I recommend continued efforts by men of this calibre in assisting Camps.

Chairman Roy Call of Boston Memorial Day Committee has continued to be an outstanding leader and I express our thanks for a task well done.

Department President Barbara D. Brown of our Auxiliary served with great distinction and devotion during the year. She was co-operative and kind in our many pleasant associations during the year. I was very pleased to attend her Reception in New Bedford, and those of Department President Anna M. Silva of the Daughters, Department President Pauline Tarr of the Woman's Relief Corps in Gloucester, and the Homecoming and Encampment of Department Commander Dwight Bromley and Department President Margaret Bromley in Providence.

The Encampment and Reception of Department President Emma LeMote of the Ladies of the G.A.R. was held at the Hotel Madison in April, and I brought the greetings of Massachusetts Department. The most cordial and pleasant relations were enjoyed during the year with all of the Department Presidents, and I appreciate their kind and generous treatment.

A Reception was given your Commander by Bay State Camp #61 and the Allied Orders of the G.A.R. at Roberts Post, American Legion, Dorchester on March 30. It was a happy occasion for my family and friends and for me, and I was most grateful for the very kind expressions of friendship received from the members of the Grand Army family. I express sincere thanks to Pam Elder, Auxiliary, Clara Powers, Daughters; Alice Harwood, Ladies; Dorothy Morris, W.R.C.; Ernie Wells, Sons; and the fine Committee for their kindness.

Some of the Auxiliary feel that Headquarters are isolated and difficult to reach. I believe it wise to call this to the attention of the Encampment, since some action may be contemplated by the Auxiliary. I recommend that a committee be appointed to discuss any question that may arise in a friendly and co-operative attitude. I appreciate all that was done by Colonel Bauer and John

Day to obtain these quarters and feel that this matter should be carefully considered.

I further recommend:

That a Department order be sent Camp Commanders, Secretaries or Members advising that funds of a disbanded Camp may not be disposed of at discretion, but should revert to Massachusetts Department, which badly needs these funds in order to continue its work. In the past, many members of Camps have disbursed funds to organizations that have no connection with the purposes and aims of the Sons. Department Counselor Malcolm Donahue submits a form attached which may help in this matter;

That the Civil War Centennial Committee and Commission work in close liaison in order that the best possible program for the Centennial may be put forward.

I am deeply grateful to The Merchants National Bank of Boston for the kind understanding shown me during my year as Department Commander.

S.V.C. Clark Mellor, his wife Betty and Flora Bates of Worcester were present at many Department affairs and were friendly and helpful. In addition to those mentioned in Report, Millard and Barbara Brown, Carrie Quinn, Gertrude Day, Nancy Call, Jessie Wells, Bill Haskell, Mary Gordon, Bob Wood, Louis Winchell, Nora Robinson, Kate and Moses Heiman, Josephine Bates, Mary Sampson, Ed Bresette, Bill Rule, Charles and Elaine Hooper, Parker Chandler, Leon and Margaret Palmer, Maude Warren, Fred Butler, Nellie Goodman and many others were kind beyond measure. My thanks to them and all who helped or sent courteous invitations.

In closing, I pray that God will bless our Order in every way and give it continued success in the patriotic task in which it is engaged.

Respectfully submitted in F.C. & L.
EDWIN J. LENNON
Department Commander

At this point Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs of California was introduced to the Encampment and made preliminary remarks.

Following this, Past National President Margaret W. Palmer, National President Ursula Shepardson, Pamelia Elder, P.D.P., and Flora Bates, P.D.P., all representing the Auxiliary, entered the Encampment and were presented. Commander-in-Chief Riggs then presented a Fifty Year Membership Badge to Leon H. Palmer, P.D.C., who only a year ago retired from the office of Department Secretary after 27 years service in that position. This badge was given by two other veterans of long service in the Orders, P.D.P. Pamelia Elder and P.D.C. William O. Fuller.

This session recessed at 12:05 Noon.

GOVERNOR'S LUNCHEON

At 12:30 P.M., through the courtesy of Governor Foster Furcolo and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, a very enjoyable luncheon was tendered the National and Department Officers and Past Department Commanders and Presidents at the University Club. Attending were representatives of the Governor and of the Army, Navy and Marines.

SECOND SESSION, APRIL 17, 1959 AT 2:10 P. M.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT INSPECTOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF 1958

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

For the past year it has been my privilege to serve you as Department Inspector. The title was conferred on me by your Department Commander to enable me to carry on the self-imposed project of helping wherever possible to enliven or save Camps that were apparently lost to the Department.

It is my proud duty to report that with the help of the Department Secretary, William O. Fuller, P.D.C. Everett Atwood, P.D.C. Millard Brown, Raymond Morse, and other dedicated members of Camp No. 35 and Camp No. 67, Robert Wood, Camp No. 30; Ernest Wells, Camp No. 9; and Howard Waite Camp No. 25, we succeeded in saving one camp in southeastern Massachusetts.

They have paid in full their indebtedness to the Department and have a comfortable balance on hand and are once more functioning as an active part of our Department.

William O. Fuller, Everett Atwood, and Howard Waite have been personally responsible for the recovery of some hundreds of dollars for the Department that may well have been lost without their untiring efforts. I want to thank them for their zeal and enthusiasm on behalf of the Department.

My efforts were hampered first by my duties as General Chairman of the National Encampment Committee, and secondly by a siege of ill health that followed. However, I did make several trips to southeastern Massachusetts, and one trip to Newburyport, and other trips on my tour of duty.

My thanks to Department Commander Lennon for allowing me to serve as Department Inspector.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L.
JOHN L. DAY

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SENIOR VICE COMMANDER

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

One year ago I was elected to the office of Department Senior Vice Commander and accepting this position, I fully realized the duties and the responsibilities of this office.

I have attended many affairs of the Allied Family in and

around Massachusetts and have had the honor to represent our Department Commander at many of these and also bring the greetings of the Department.

It was a pleasure to attend the receptions of our Department Commander, Department President, our National President, Department Commanders, and Department Presidents of Rhode Island and New Hampshire.

During my travels around New England I attended four meetings of the New England Regional Association, Plymouth County Association, Past Commanders' Association, Pioneer Valley Dedication Day Dinner, Washington and Lincoln Banquet, the 75th Anniversary of Camp No. 35 of New Bedford, and the 68th Annivesary of Camp No. 17 of Brockton.

I also attended the National Encampment held in Boston, last August and had the honor to be appointed Guide by the Commander-in-Chief.

So much for my social life. Now let us get down to the most interesting part of my official duties, that is, the raising of money for the Department Ways and Means Fund of which I am chairman.

I have met with favorable results in the many ways of raising money for our Department, such as having a candy table at the Past Commanders and Past Presidents and Plymouth County Associations, in Abington; a Country Fair put on by Past Department President, Pamelia Elder, at her home in Roxbury; and of selling tickets on a clock, radio and fry pan that has been very successful to date.

At this time I wish to thank all the members of the Sons and Sisters of the Auxiliary for the wonderful support that they have given to me. And to Sister Pam Elder, a very big Thank You, for the use of her home for the Country Fair.

To my own Camp No. 25 and to Auxiliary No. 33 of Worcester, many thanks for all the wonderful things you have done for me and the large number of tickets that were sold by Sister Flora Bates and Brother Fred Haynes; also to all members who donated candy for my table in Abington.

Recommendations

1. That all money turned in by the Ways and Means Chairman be put into the General Fund.

2. That a new Department Roster be provided each year, omitting Camps that have disbanded, and one copy be sent to each Camp Secretary, and one copy to each Department Officer.

Listed below is my Financial Report, as of March 31, 1959:

Personal Donations

Camp No. 1	$ 2.00
Camp No. 15	2.00
	$4.00

Department Officers

Edwin Lennon	$ 1.00
Clark Mellor	5.00
Edward Bressett	1.05
Gilman Harrington	1.01
Millard Brown	1.00
William Fuller	2.00
Harold Drown	1.00
Addison Quinn	1.00
Ernest Wells	3.00
William Rule	.07
	$16.13

Past Department Commanders

Harold Shepardson	$ .01
Roy Call	1.00
Louis Winchell, Sr.	1.00
Leon Palmer	1.00
	$3.01

National and Past National Officers

Carder Perkins	$ .08
Charles H. E. Moran	2.00
Harold (Duke) Arnold	1.00
Harold (Duke) Arnold, R. I.	1.00
	$3.08
George LeMarsh	$ .25
Lou Miller	1.00
Fred Butler	1.00
Moe Heiman	.50
Henry Bowen	1.00
Emerson Whitman	1.00
	$4.75

Personal Donations from Auxiliaries

Barbara Drown, Dept. President	$ 1.00
Mary Sampson, Dept. President Aide	1.00
Elizabeth Mellor, D. C. of S.	2.00
Ursula Shepardson, N. P.	5.00
Flora Bates, National P. A.	2.00
	$11.00

Other Donations

Candy Sale	$17.47
Country Fair and other donations to the Fair	51.50
Camp No. 104	2.00
Thomas Crawford, P.D.C.	2.00
Frederick Bell, P.D.C.	2.00
Louis Winchell, Sr., P.D.C.	1.00
Harold Drown, P.D.C.	.50
L. Perry, Camp No. 9	1.00
Past Commanders Assn.	5.00
No. Met. Association	5.00
Charles Holman	5.00
Viola Geyer	1.00
Gertrude Gaffney	1.00
Marion Pohl, Aux. No. 13	1.00
Brother Jennings	1.00
	$79.00

Receipts from Clock, Radio and Electric Frying Pan	$140.00

Summary

Camp Donations	$ 4.00	
Personal Donations, Sons	26.97	
Personal Donations, Auxiliary	11.00	
Other Donations	96.47	
Clock, Radio, etc.	140.00	
Total		$278.44
Expenses		50.64
Grand Total		$227.80

At this time, permit me to thank you for the kindness and the cooperation that has been shown me this past year and I sincerely hope that I have done my part to bring honor and credit to my office and to my successor. Good luck in your year.

I remain yours in F., C. and L.

CLARK W. MELLOR

Department Senior Vice Commander

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

It was with some misgivings and a great deal of humility that I accepted the honor of being your Department Junior Vice Commander for this past year.

During my tenure of office I participated in the following activities:

Woman's Relief Corps Hampden and Hampshire Meeting and Luncheon on Wednesday September 24, at which function I had the honor of representing the Department Commander.

P.P. and P.C. Luncheon October 1 at Pieroni's Restaurant in Boston;

Served on Committee for Dedication Day Banquet, November 15, Holyoke;

Attended a meeting of Auxiliary 32 of Greenfield on December 9;

Served on committee and attended our National President Ursula Shepardson's Reception December 6 at Boston;

Member of the General Observance Day Committee to honor Veterans Day, November 11 in Holyoke;

Secretary of the General Memorial Day Committee for the City of Holyoke;

On degree team for the initiation of a candidate in Camp #60;

Served on a committee for Camp #60 Annual Boy Scout Citation Award, which honors a Scout Executive from Mt. Tom Council of Western Massachusetts during Boy Scout Week;

Attended a Joint Christmas Party of Camp #60, Woman's Relief Corps #38, Daughters of Union Veterans Tent #58, and Auxiliary #20.

With the assistance of Brother William Fuller, P.D.C. and Department Secretary, who sent me a complete and revised list of names and addresses, I sent out circulars outlining a five point program to increase our membership. This was sent to all Camps.

I also contacted 14 Camps that are no longer in existence. I received replies from seven of them and the communiques were all in the same vein. Their Camp had dwindled down to one or two members, but all of them assured me that they still carry on their Memorial Day Duties.

I thought this was wonderful and well worth the time expended in writing to these "dead" Camps. Words of encouragement was sent to these Brothers notifying them how important the Department considers their deeds and appreciate their efforts.

I had offered prizes for membership gain which will be presented during this encampment.

A second circular on membership had been printed but never got sent out because your Department Junior Vice realized that all too soon his year was up.

During the past year I contributed in the name of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War the total of 137 hours of voluntary service between the Veterans Hospital and Northampton and the Soldiers Home in Holyoke.

Recommendation: Recommend that the executive meetings of the Department be held on week-ends so that any officer who lives a hundred or more miles away may have an opportunity to attend.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. & L.

EDWARD L. BRESETTE,

Dept. Jr. Vice Commander

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT SECRETARY

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

When I accepted the appointment as Department Secretary of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans, last May, I promised myself that I would try my best to see that the Department would be in the black at the close of this year.

The books showed as of March 31, 1958 a balance of $195.19 but actually the outstanding bills were nearly $700.00 in the red. With the assistance of Brothers John Day, Ernest Wells, Howard Waite, Everett Atwood, and several other brothers, we were able not only to collect several hundred dollars due the Department but to start several Camps on the road to being active again.

Even with all this we did not balance all the bills but did reduce the indebtness of the Camps about $500.00. Some of the Camps will of necessity be lost due to the age of the members and their physical inability to function. Several members have been saved by becoming members at large.

If the membership here will take back to their Camps the great importance of having the Camp officers do their duty, especially the Commander, Secretary, and Treasurer and do it promptly, I could keep the mailing list up to date. The Secretary should send a complete record of deceased members, not just record the number of deaths without names or dates of death in their quarterly reports.

The Secretary could then keep his card system up to date so these cards would be of value. Make every effort to get the reports back as near the end of the quarter as possible.

Some reports and dividends arrived too late to be entered in

the March 31 quarter. If they had been on time I would have shown a few dollars in the black.

May I, in closing, thank Commander Lennon for appointing me to this office. I wish to thank the entire membership that has cooperated; and for those that have been a little lax, please try and be on time in the coming year.

Secretary's Report Ending March 31, 1959

Balance on hand April 1, 1958		$195.19
Receipts:		
Per Capita Tax	$1,485.65	
Fees	15.00	
Supplies	12.13	
Convention Reg. 1958 ($84 plus $3)	86.00	
S.V. Com. Fund (Mellor)	227.80	
S.V. Com. Fund (Butler)	50.00	
Chief of Staff Fund (Harrington)	25.60	
Pat. Inst. Fund (Drown)	74.60	
Auxiliary Donation	100.00	
Auxiliary Office & Telephone	204.03	
Income from Permanent Fund	622.20	
Total Receipts	$2,902.01	$2,902.01
		$3,097.20

EXPENSE DISBURSEMENTS

Per Capita Tax	$1,002.50	
Telephone	128.41	
Salaries	240.00	
Office Headquarters	350.00	
Supplies	97.55	
Postage-Printing & Stationery	498.72	
G.A.R. Fund	53.00	
Dept. Commander's travel	30.00	
Donation to Auxiliary	100.00	
Lincoln School	50.00	
Misc.	314.17	
Total	$2,904.35	$2,904.35
Balance March 31, 1959		$192.85

As of March 31, 1958: 66 Camps; 1018 Members.

1958 GAINS

	Init.	Trans.	Re-in.	Total
June Quarter	5	2	2	9
September Quarter	3	2	0	5
December Quarter	8	0	0	8
March 31, 1959	3	0	2	5
Total				1,045

1958 LOSSES

	Deaths	Hon-Dis	Trans.	Dropped	Camp
June Quarter	8	2	2	10	1
September Quarter	8	1	1	20	0
December Quarter	20	0	0	5	3
March 31, 1959	17	1	1	10	3
Total	53	4	4	45	7

Camps dropped during year: #102 Falmouth, #141 Dighton, #120 New Bedford, #44 Westfield, #59 Northampton, #106 Charlestown, #82 Townsend, voluntarily disabled.

Respectfully submitted,
WILLIAM O. FULLER
Secretary

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT TREASURER

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

It has been a genuine pleasure to serve a year with the present Officers and Staff Members. There have been some encouraging features this past year, as well as some financial problems to be worked out. Progress in finances has definitely been made.

In addition to countersigning all payment checks, I now have to report on the condition and changes in the ten Trust Funds in the charge of the Department. All stock certificates and pertinent papers are preserved in safe deposit box No. 6709, of the Merchants National Bank, at its Milk Street office. in Boston.

There is still to be paid from the Department General Fund into the G.A.R. Memorial Fund, and then made available to the Civil War Centennial Committee, the sum of $74.60 collected by the Department Patriotic Instructor of last year.

The following matters pertaining to the Trust Funds have occurred: In the Department Permanent Fund, the Heywood Wakefield B Preferred stock has temporarily suspended payment of dividends, and the dividends of Bird & Son, Ludlow Manufacturing & Sales Co., and Plymouth Cordage Co. have been reduced. Dividends of the Haverhill Gas & Electric Co. have been increased. In the Couden-Higginson Camp 56 Fund and in the Coppenhagen Fund, the stock of the Western Massachusetts Companies has been split and the dividend increased. Investments of the New England Telephone & Telegraph Co. in the Coppenhagen Fund, and of the New England Electric System in the Camp '61 Fund, have benefited by the issuance of rights. Market prices of the various investments have generally held up well, and some have increased considerably over the purchase price.

The following figures show the changes, and conditions of the various Funds.

George C. Marshall Post 136, G.A.R., Rutland, Mass., Fund

Balance, March 31, 1958	$619.25	
Receipts: Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co.	27.00	
Bank interest, 1 year	6.04	
		$652.29
Balance, in detail		
9 shares Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co., at cost	$442.00	
Worcester Mech. Sav. Bank, Acct. No. 150934	210.29	
		$652.29

Charles F. Ellis, of Post 35, G.A.R., Chelsea Fund

Balance, March 31, 1958	$1,053.33	
Receipts: Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co.	60.00	
Bank interest, 1 year	2.50	
		$1,115.83
Paid to Camp 81, S.U.V., Chelsea		60.00
Balance, March 31, 1959		$1,055.83
Balance, in detail		
20 shares Fitchburg Gas & Elec. Co., at cost	$1,000.00	
First Fed. Sav. & Loan Assoc. No. 1s-3319	55.83	
		$1,055.83

Benjamin J. Loring Fund

Balance, March 31, 1958	$891.39	
Receipts: Bank interest, 1 year	29.19	
		$920.58
Paid for re-organization work at Fall River and Middleboro		29.00
Balance, March 31, 1959		$891.58
Home Savings Bank, Acct. No. S258021		$891.58

Department Flag Fund

Receipts: Donations from Mass. Dept., Sons of Union Veterans Auxiliary	$75.00	
Bank interest	1.49	
Balance, March 31, 1959		$76.49
Pioneer-Trimount Co-op. Bank, Sav. Acct. No. 1582		$76.49

G.A.R. Memorial Fund

Balance, March 31, 1958	$86.27	
Receipts: Dept. Patriotic Instructor, 1957	50.00	
Bank interest, 1 year	2.81	
Interest on delayed payment to fund	3.00	
Balance, March 31, 1959		$142.09
Home Savings Bank, Acct. No. 479888		$142.08

Bay State Camp '61 Permanent Fund

Balance, March 31, 1958	$278.42	
Receipts: New England Electric System	12.75	
Bank interest, 1 year	2.97	
Balance, March 31, 1959		$294.14

Balance, in detail		
13 shares New England Elec. Sys., at cost	$196.71	
Provident Institution for Sav., Acct. No. 752385	97.43	
		$294.14

(Note: 1 share New England Electric System was bought with 12 rights and $15.00.)

Margaretha Myers Fund

Balance, March 31, 1958	$396.97	
Receipts: United Fruit Co.	13.75	
Bank interest, 1 year	3.66	
		$414.38
Paid for care of cemetery lot		12.00
Balance, March 31, 1959		$402.38
Balance, in detail		
5 shares United Fruit Co., at cost	$269.70	
First Federal Sav. & Loan Assn., Acct. No. 1s-3661	132.68	
		$402.38

Couden-Higginson Camp 56 Fund

Balance, March 31, 1958	$2,394.36	
Receipts: Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co.	72.00	
United Fruit Co.	27.50	
Western Massachusetts Cos.	29.25	
Bank interest, 1 year	5.96	
		$2,529.07
Paid to Camp 56, for 1958 dues		40.00
Balance, March 31, 1959		$2,489.07
Balance, in detail		
8 shares Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co., at cost	$1,237.31	
10 shares United Fruit Co., at cost	539.40	
26 shares Western Mass. Cos., at cost	434.60	
Cambridgeport Sav. Bank, Acct. No. 207496	277.76	
		$2,489.07

(Note: Western Mass. Cos. split on 2-for-1 basis.)

Arnold William Coppenhagen Fund

Balance, March 31, 1958	$7,446.59	
Receipts: Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co.	189.00	
Ludlow Sales & Mfg. Co.	32.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	38.00	
United Fruit Co.	55.00	
Western Mass. Companies	67.50	
Bank interest, 1 year	11.09	
		$7,869.18
Paid for: Mt. Auburn Cemtery dec. exp.	$ 26.00	
Mt. Auburn Cemetery spec. bus hire	23.00	
Band for State House Mem. Serv.	135.00	
Mt. Auburn Cemetery, ½ exp. of bus	14.20	
		198.20
Balance, March 31, 1959		$7,670.98

Balance, in detail		
21 shares Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co., at cost	$3,201.16	
29 shares Ludlow Mfg. & Sales Co., at cost	720.00	
9 shares New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co., at cost	992.62	
20 shares United Fruit Co., at cost	1,078.81	
60 shares West. Mass. Cos., at cost	1,051.30	
Charlestown Sav. Bank, Acct. No. 233893	677.09	
		$7,670.98

(Note: 2 shares of N. E. Tel. & Tel. Co. were bought for $233.19, with rights, of which 3 were purchased. 30 shares of Western Mass. Cos. were added as a result of a 2-for-1 split.)

Department Permanent Fund

Balance, March 31, 1958	$10,334.77	
Receipts: Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co.	225.00	
Bird & Son	22.00	
Chapman Valve Mfg. Co.	81.00	
Eastern Utilities Associates	4.40	
Fitchburg Gas & Electric Co.	12.00	
Haverhill Gas & Electric Co.	170.00	
Ludlow Mfg. & Sales Co.	80.00	
Plymouth Cordage Co.	39.00	
S. D. Warren Co.	37.80	
Bank interest, 1 year	1.32	
		$11,007.29
Paid to Department General Fund		671.20
Balance, March 31, 1959		$10,336.09

Balance, in detail		
25 shares Amer. Tel. & Tel. Co., at cost	$3,750.83	
40 shares Bird & Son, at cost	660.00	
27 shares Chapman Valve Mfg. Co., at cost	1,069.88	
2 shares Eastern Utilities Assoc., at cost	55.50	
4 shares Fitchburg Gas & Elect. Co., at cost	184.00	
125 shares Haverhill Gas & Elec. Co., at cost	1,000.00	
25 shares Heywood-W'field Co., B Pref., at cost	450.00	
50 shares Ludlow Mfg. & Sales Co., at cost	1,800.00	
15 shares Plymouth Cordage Co., at cost	855.00	
27 shares S. D. Warren Co., at cost	468.75	
Charlestown Sav. Bank, Acct. No. 405403	42.13	
		$10,336.09

Total of Trust Funds

George C. Marshall Post 136 Fund	$ 652.29
Charles F. Ellis, of Post 35, Fund	1,055.83
Benjamin J. Loring Fund	891.58
Department Flag Fund	76.49
G.A.R. Memorial Fund	142.08
Bay State Camp '61 Fund	294.14
Margaretha Myers Fund	402.38
Couden-Higginson Camp 56 Fund	2,489.07

Arnold William Coppenhagen Fund	7,670.98
Department Permanent Fund	10,336.09
	$24,010.93

Respectfully submitted in F., C. & L.
HENRY F. WEILER
Department Treasurer

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNSELOR

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

One of the matters requiring consideration of your Counselor during this past year was that of the disposition of the funds of disbanded Camps. This is a problem which has occurred in the past and apparently will be a continuing one. Furthermore, we are not going to receive any assistance with regard to it from any outside agency. I have two recommendations in this area: one, visits should be made to those camps which have not been very active by Department officers or their nominees; and secondly, the Department itself should take immediate action when information is received that a Camp is disbanding.

Another matter brought to my attention during the past year was that concerning the Grand Army Hall in Beverly. With respect to this, I have been advised that Post 89 GAR Memorial Hall Association is in the process of dissolving. Once this is accomplished, it would appear that title to the property would revert to the Department. When that does occur, the Department will have to decide the best possible course of action in the light of all the circumstances.

During the year other problems have been discussed with our Department Commander, Edwin J. Lennon.

It has been a pleasure to serve as Department Counselor during the past year and to attempt to follow the fine example established by our good friend, able adviser and my predecessor, Colonel Frederic Gilbert Bauer.

Respectfully submitted in F. C. and L
MALCOLM M. DONAHUE
Department Counselor

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

At the last Department Encampment held in this same hotel I was very pleased when I was asked if I would accept the appointment to the office of Department Patriotic Instructor, and I wish at this time to thank Department Commander Lennon and all the brothers for this honor.

At that time I was retired from military service and not working so I had the time and felt that I could do a lot to help,

but because of the increasing cost of living I found that my retirement pay was quite inadequate to cover living expenses and traveling in Massachusetts, so it was necessary that I get a job to get a little more income.

I only needed a part time job, but I had to take a full time job in order to work at all. This knocked my plans in the head as I have to work until nearly six o'clock evenings so this fact alone precludes attending Department meetings. I did attend one Thursday night meeting, but to do so I had to go in my work clothes directly from work.

I attended the reception to Sister Department President Barbara Brown, but was not able to attend the reception to Department Commander Lennon as I was in the hospital recovering from an operation. I was operated on for a hernia on the 23rd of March.

Through the efforts of Sister Barbara Brown and the Plymouth County Association Auxiliary, of which Sister Brown is a member, a supper was held in Abington for the benefit of your Patriotic Instructors and Chief of Staffs funds. The proceeds of the supper were split between the two funds. I also received personal donations from several brothers and my own Camp #50, in addition to which I added a percentage of my income tax refund. On what the money is to be used for, I feel that is a question that the encampment should decide, but I also would like to suggest the thought that it may be well to put it into the Department funds to help defray Department operating expenses.

I regret that circumstances prevented my getting a more substantial amount of monies, and also that I was not able to get around to visit the various Camps in the state and perhaps give the Order a boost by so doing, but the only way I can think of to put it is to use the French expression "C'est La Vie".

I hereby submit this report for the Encampment's pleasure.

GILMAN W. HARRINGTON
Department Patriotic Instructor

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF STAFF

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

When I was appointed by our Department Commander to serve as his Chief of Staff, his first words to me were to do all I could to represent him and the Department at all functions where he was unable to attend and a superior officer was not present. This I was able to do a number of times, as I was official chauffeur to the Department President, my wife. To yours truly it has been a year of happiness and good cheer, as I had to try to follow our Commander in his ways of wholesome fellowship and cheerfulness at all times.

I attended many functions including conventions, installations, and reorganizations of two camps that were in need of encouragement, as well as visiting those that were running on an even keel. A little has been done and there is room for more improvement and development if we as a department expect to carry on as one of the larger bodies of the National. Money collected by backward camps was outstanding.

As we are on one of the lower rungs of the ladder of the Centennial of the Civil War, let us all take a vow and make the future years something so that our "Boys in Blue" would be proud to comment about it and say, "Well done, Sons."

At this time I wish to set aside a paragraph to express my thanks to a group of sisters in Plymouth County who did much to swell the amount of my fund considerably. Credit goes where credit is due. A bean supper was held in Grand Army Hall, Abington, and a wonderful supper was enjoyed by about seventy. Thanks to all who came and donated.

Also thanks to all the sisters and brothers for their kind expressions of sympathy extended to my wife and me, twice this past year, when I lost both my Dad, remembered as "Pop", and my mother. Those who have been through bereavement know how much the cards, notes, and flowers mean.

My sincere thanks to you, Commander Ed, for the appointment, and may our friendship ever continue to grow. May this Organization be in readiness to help all brothers and sisters of the Order.

To the incoming officers, I wish them loads of success and extreme happiness throughout their administration.

The following is my financial report as of March 31, 1959:

Mary C. Sampson	$ 2.00
Maude B. Colburn	1.00
Ursula W. Shepardson	5.00
Barbara D. Brown	1.00
Plymouth County Supper	29.25
Auxiliary One	5.00
Edwin J. Lennon	2.00
Clark W. Mellor	2.00
John L. Day	2.00
William O. Fuller, Sr.	2.00
The Brown Children	1.50
Duke Arnold	1.00
Ernest Wells	1.00
Anonymous	2.00
Total	$57.75

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.
MILLARD F. BROWN
Department Chief-of-Staff

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT ORGANIZER

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

As Department Organizer, I am pleased to report that real progress was made regarding the following Camps which had been several years in arrears in their per capita tax and Department assessments:

Camp 132, Carver

Receipts: January 7, 1959	$48.05	
January 23, 1959	30.45	
		$78.50

Paid in full to December 31, 1958.

Camp 22, Middleboro

Receipts: January 12, 1959 ..... $72.35
Paid in full to December 31, 1958.

Camp 90, Fall River

Receipts: January 12, 1959 ..... $41.90
Paid in full to December 31, 1958.

The total receipts from the three camps was $192.75, and the cost to the Department in collecting this sum of money was just $29.00, and was paid from the Loring Fund.

I was not able to do as much personally as I would have liked to because of distances involved and in some cases not knowing just when committee members had planned meetings with these Camps.

However, I wish to give much credit to Department Secretary William O. Fuller, who traveled about 1400 miles in a year working on delinquent Camps; also to the following who helped to bring these Camps up to date financially and revive interest: Everett Atwood, P.D.C.; John L. Day, P.D.C. and Department Inspector; Ernest Wells, Department Council; and several Brothers from Camp 67, Abington, and Camp 35, New Bedford.

There are still a few Camps in arrears to the Department, but there is real hope that they will be brought up to date during the coming year.

I would not want to close this report without paying tribute to Department Commander Edwin J. Lennon, who has done so much to help our Camps. His visits and words of wisdom have encouraged the weaker Camps, and have been a challenge to the stronger ones to attempt greater things in the future.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.,

ROBERT L. WOOD

Department Organizer

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT PUBLICITY SECRETARY

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

Being initially one most prominent in trying to persuade (though unsuccessfully) Edwin J. Lennon to become our Department Commander, I desired to assist him on his staff. I knew he had turned down previous appeals because he would not serve as an inactive commander, final decision signifying he was ready as a full-fledged leader. Fruition has vindicated his desires in no uncertain manner. Honoring him on March 30th was a little late for a "reception"; much too early for a "farewell", but fitting for a "testimonial" to "well done, good and faithful servant." A "publicist" is the one to write of worthy deeds and I do so in this "preamble."

This report is largely contemporary with my duties as a national and centennial "publicist." Complete coverage of our National Encampment in Boston gave our Massachusetts Department as much publicity and perhaps more than given to the national organization. A photostat is attached of news clips.

All functions of note for departmental activities have received generous notice in Boston dailies and numerous other city or town publications. "The Banner" has contained items each issue of all capacity allowed us. "Larry" Jones, associate publicity secretary, has procured good space in "Brockton Enterprise" for a number of events. Ernest G. Wells, Past National Patriotic Instructor, has frequently come up with some substantial help.

Receptions, associational meetings, outstanding anniversaries, Lincoln observances and centennial progress have all been noted. Several forum articles of mine on topics vital to our Order have been published during the year. A sample is herewith submitted.

It is authentic to assume that results are well in ratio with size and strength of our Order, as "outside world" sees us.

Respectfully submitted in F., C. and L.

HAROLD M. DROWN

Publicity Secretary

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT CAMP INSTRUCTOR

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

My duties as Department Camp Instructor for the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, has been very limited. It has consisted principally of advertising and discussing the Ritualistic Ceremonies with various members and Camps. I find there is a lack of interest in the Ritualistic work of our Order because of the lack of Inspections on a Department level which would create a competitive interest in the work of our Order.

I therefore recommend that the Massachusetts Department arrange for an Inspection system based on our Ritualistic work to begin with the incoming Administration.

It has been a pleasure to work with such a fine group of Department officers. The continued interest shown by our Department Commander Edwin J. Lennon in every job no matter how small that he request you to do encourages one to do their utmost for this type of leader.

I wish for you Commander Lennon a successful Encampment and to the incoming officers every success in all their endeavors for the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Respectfully Submitted
WILLIAM C. RULE
Camp Instructor

A verbal report was given by Reverend George Driver, Department Chaplain.

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL RECOMMENDATIONS

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

1. That we bring our By-Laws up to date regarding our electing our Secretary and Treasurer.

VOTED: To elect Secretary and Treasurer for one year and to notify Camps that at the next Convention the matter of term of office for same will be taken up.

That we take action at this Department meeting to notify all Camps that a mid year meeting will be held sometime in September (date to be determined) to change the Per Capita Tax to the Department making it effective as of December 1959 quarterly report.

VOTED: That through General Orders all Camps be advised that action will be taken at the next Annual Meeting on changing the Per Capita Tax.

3. To ask the Department Councillor to examine our Trust Funds to determine how they may be used to greater benefit of the Department.

Approved.

4. To have the Department Secretary have a proper form prepared and sent to all Camps, with the June quarterly notices showing the exact holdings of each Camp, regarding Real Estate, Stocks and Bonds and Trust Funds. Said form to be completed and returned with June report forms.

Approved.

5. To urging the incoming Committee of the Department to follow instructions in Article 4, Section 3 regarding District Commanders.

Approved.

Department Council
HOWARD E. WAITE, Secretary
WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Chairman
ERNEST G. WELLS

REPORT OF DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

At the first Council meeting P.D.C. Haskell became Chairman, H. E. Watte Secretary and Ernest Wells, Advisor. It was voted to bond the officers and use the Pilgrim Trust Company for our checking account and deposit box.

Several meetings were held during the year for conducting the Department business. The books of the Secretary were inspected and approved. The small balance on hand April 1st is offset by outstanding bills of $494.00 showing we again close the year about $400.00 in the red. This same condition existed last year and was taken care of by a vote of the Department to leave it up to the Executive Committee to raise the money. This Committee did nothing about the defict and only the good work of S.V.C. Mellor in raising over $200.00 and by Secretary Fuller in getting out and collecting back taxes from delinquent Camps, we would be in a much more serious condition.

We believe it is now time to cut expenses and raise the Per-Capita Tax. The Auxiliary has asked that we consider discontinuing Headquarters, as their share of the cost is prohibitive. The cost of preparing and mailing the Proceedings, General Orders, and Quarterly Reports to each Camp is $2.15 a year. We get 40c tax from each member each year so we get from every Camp with less than six members less money than it costs us to mail them their notices; so we not only get nothing to pay our bills with from such Camps, but they actually cost us money to keep them on the books. There are fourteen such Camps in the Department. This condition has been called to the attention of the Department Commander and Executive Committee without any action being taken. We believe the Per-Capita Tax should be raised with a minimum charge of at least $3.00 tax to the Department from every Camp.

Our recommendations are presented separately.

WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Chairman
ERNEST G. WELLS, Advisor
HOWARD E. WAITE, Secretary

REPORT OF NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

As chairman of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War for the National Encampment held in Boston, August 1958, I submit the following report:

Members of the committee for the three Orders were as follows:

Sons — Honorary Chairman, Charles H. E. Moran, P.C.C.; Chairman, John L. Day, P.D.C., William O. Fuller, Roy Call, Fred Butler, Addison Quinn, Everett Atwood, Harold Shepardson, John Davis, Harold Drown, Ernest Wells.

Ladies — Alice Harwood, P.D.P., Chairman; Edna Brooks, Blanche Gage, Janet Willey, Dorothy Barber, Anna Kuhn, Florence Mason, Emma LeMote, Mildred Granger;

Auxiliary — Honorary Chairman, Margaret Palmer; Margaret Anderson, Maude Warren; Chairman, Pamela S. Elder, P.D.P.; Flora Bates, Jessie Wells, Barbara Brown, Beatrice Pike, Nathalie Brown, Nancy Call, Viola Geyer, Minnie Maderios.

The first meeting was held Saturday, November 30, 1957 at which time all plans were outlined. Seven meetings were held in all. Two were held with the National heads, Commander-in-chief DeHaven; National President of the Ladies, Mrs. Paull, and Ann Clayton, National President of the Auxiliary; one meeting in Maine at the time of the reception to the Commander-in-chief; and one in April and May when the National heads were attending the Massachusetts Encampments.

The following officers were elected for the Committee:

General Chairman, John L. Day, (Sons);

Co-Chairmen, Alice Harwood, P.D.P. (Ladies); Pamelia S. Elder, P.D.P. (Auxiliary);

Treasurer, Addison Quinn, P.D.C. (Sons);

Recording Secretary, Blanche Gage, P.D.P. (Ladies);

Corresponding Secretary, Nathalie Brown, (Auxiliary);

Publicity, Harold Drown, P.D.C. and Ernest Wells, (Sons);

Following subcommittees were appointed:

Boat Trip, John L. Day, Pamelia Elder, Alice Harwood;

Church Service, Roy Call, Janet Willey, Jessie Wells;

Program, William Fuller, Nancy Call, Beatrice Pike, Florence Mason;

Campfire, Addison Quinn, Flora Bates, Viola Geyer, Edna Brooks, Janet Willey.

At this time the City of Boston had pledged to the committee to pay for chartering the boat for the Moonlight Sail and several other items to the amount of $1,500.00. It was moved that this committee raise some money to pay a few other bills that might come up. It was moved that any money left over be divided between the three Orders. It was decided to have a raffle to raise the money and these books were paid for by the members of the committee so all money raised would be profit. $404.40 was raised on this.

It was moved that all flowers, favors, programs, badges for all three Orders be paid for by this committee. All extra activities to be planned and paid for by this committee if possible and that we do all we could for Sister Shepardson, the chief of staff, and to help save money for her fund.

Mayor John Hynes to have a breakfast for all the National Officers and in place of a luncheon Governor Foster Furcolo would pay for 20 guest tickets for the banquet on Monday night and 20 guest tickets for the banquet on Tuesday night.

It was moved all money in a checking account in the bank and the treasurer to pay all bills when presented. All three Orders to ask their Departments to advance $50.00 to cover expenses until the committee could raise some money. This was done and all the Departments were paid back the $50.00

On July 6th, a Supreme Court ruling was made that it was illegal for the State or City to give any money for Conventions, so all that had been promised by the City of Boston other than the breakfast had to be cancelled.

This left the committee in a very bad position. They were faced with either trying to raise the money in a few weeks or cancel out the Moonlight Sail and many other items. It was estimated we would need $2000.00 in order to do this.

At a meeting on July 14th it was uanimously voted by the committee we would work harder and raise the money if possible. Everyone was very helpful to us. The Wilson line offered to give us 90 days after Encampment to pay for the boat and also took off $87.00 from the cost of the boat. The Sheraton Plaza Hotel gave us a cash donation of $100.00 and also offered us 60 days after Encampment to pay for the banquets that we might use that money to pay for the boat.

I am very happy to say we did not have to accept either of the above offers for time to pay, for with the wonderful work of the committee and the generous donations of members and friends (not members of our Order) we were able to pay all bills.

Mrs. Paull, National President of the Ladies, gave permission for the Ladies to have a fancy work table at her Convention and the money to go to the committee. Janet Willey and Edna Brooks were in charge of the table and made $100 for this committee. Mrs. Paull also offered to pay for several guest tickets for the banquet to help the committee.

It was voted to charter buses from the MTA to take the delegates to Rowes Wharf and charge 50c for transportation. This money would just pay for the buses, and the Moonlight Sail would still be free as we had been saying all year.

It was voted that at the last meeting of the committee a luncheon would be had for the members. Each and every member of the committee worked untiringly to make this a success, and I am sure it was from all points.

The amount raised from all sources	$2277.25
Expenses	$2119.64
Balance	$157.61

The balance was divided three ways. At the last meeting of committee, the Sons and Auxiliary voted to give their share to the committee working on the banquet and reception for our National President, Sister Shepardson.

To all the members of my committee, the committee of the Auxiliary, and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, my sincere thanks for all the help and cooperation given that made this an outstanding Encampment. It was a pleasure to serve as chairman.

Yours in F.C.L.,
JOHN L. DAY, P.D.C., Chairman
PAMELIA ELDER,
Co-Chairman, (Auxiliary)
ALICE HARWOOD (Ladies)

REPORT OF CIVIL WAR CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

This past year has seen great accomplishments by this Committee, in conjunction with the Department Centennial Committees of our other Allied Orders of the Grand Army of the Republic. We functioned together as one general committee under the able leadership of General Chairman Frederick V. Bell.

The petition in the Massachusetts General Court, which our Committee authored, bore fruit and saw the establishment of the Massachusetts Civil War Centennial Commission.

You will be pleased to know that this Commission has just had its first (organizational) meeting and that your two representatives upon it will have a prominent part in guiding its destiny. The writer of this report was elected Secretary and Past Department Commander John L. Day was elected Chairman of the vital Finance Committee, to assist the newly-elected Treasurer, Mrs. Alice F. Harwood — who is the present National Patriotic Instructor of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Our Auxiliary is represented by its Department President, Mrs. Barbara Brown, who is serving on the essential Research and Planning Committee under the dynamic chairmanship of the President of the Massachusetts Senate, John E. Powers.

An interesting bit of information for you is the fact that the new Commission Chairman, Senator Charles W. Hedges of Quincy, is the son of a Union Veteran of the Civil War — and that we are going to try to persuade him to become one of us officially.

It will also come as happy news that, on the Commission, are Rep. Charles F. Holman, a member of our Norwood Camp for many years, and Rep. James R. Lawton, an associate of our Brockton Camp.

While Lt. Col. Lenahan O'Connell represents the Loyal Legion on this Commission, it is significant to us that he is also a Past Commander of our Bay State Camp 61.

Judge Carl E. Wahlstrom, the Vice Chairman, is a member of both the Civil War Round Table of Greater Boston and the Lincoln Club of Boston.

Lieutenant Commander Preston S. Lincoln (whom many of us know as the Recorder-Historian of the Massachusetts Commandery, Military Order of the Loyal Legion) is a member of the two most essential committees—The Finance Committee and the Research and Planning Committee.

It could also be asserted that the work of this Committee has gained national recognition, inasmuch as Commander-in-Chief Earl Riggs has appointed two of its members to the National Civil War Centennial Committee of our Order — our Department Secretary, William O. Fuller, as Chairman and the writer of this report as Secretary.

Couden Higginson Camp 56, sponsor of the Cambridge Civil War Centennial Committee, reports great advances in its City. Chairman Frank F. Johnson reports a successful meeting with the Cambridge City Council and Mayor Thomas M. McNamara on April 13, during which the following (most of them members of this Committee) were presented and spoke well on the subjects closest to our hearts at that time: Frank F. Johnson, Department Commander Edwin J. Lennon, the writer of this report, Harold M. Drown, Addison A. Quinn, Louis E. Winchell, Sr., and Camp 56 Commander Leon R. Searles.

As you see, we are indeed committed to work for the success of the coming 100th Anniversary and we pray God that we may be deserving of the trust placed in us.

Respectfully submitted
In Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,
ERNEST G. WELLS, Secretary

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS REPORTS

To the Officers and Members of the 77th Annual Encampment of the Massachusetts Department, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War:

The report of the Department Commander shows a year of hard work and faithful service to our Order. Brother Lennon is to be commended for the manner in which he has represented our organization.

He recommends a committee to investigate our headquarters problems. Since the executive committee has already taken steps along this line no further action is necessary. Recommendation regarding disposal of camp property is covered by Constitution and Regulations and needs only enforcement to be effective. His recommendations advocating continued co-operation with the Loyal Legion and the renewed attempt to revive delinquent camps, we heartily concur.

The report of S.V.C. Mellor speaks for itself in the amount of money collected for the department. His continuous activity in visiting and preaching the gospel of the Sons of Union Veterans deserve the utmost praise.

Recommendation #1, we concur. #2—We concur with the spirit of the suggestion and if the executive committee can devise a reasonable method of producing rosters it should be done.

Brother Brissette's report shows many hours of activity in our behalf and in behalf of others in our name, a true indication of a fraternal and charitable brother. We congratulate him on his efforts.

His recommendation regarding week-end meetings has much merit and we call it to the attention of the executive committee.

Department Patriotic Instructor Gilman Harrington has raised money and represented the order through-out Plymouth County and been active on our degree teams. We commend him for his efforts. We concur in his recommendation. (Voted by encampment to send $25 to Lincoln University through National P.I. remainder to go in general fund.)

The chief of staff has had a busy year with his duties as well as being advisor and many times chauffeur for our department president. He also helped us financially. Well done, Brownie!

We offer the thanks of this encampment to Department Organizer Wood for his fine report.

Past Department Commander John Day as Department Inspector and chairman of the National Convention Committee has been very busy in our behalf. Many thanks and keep up the good work, John!

We thank Brother Rule for his report as camp instructor. His recommendation regarding ritualistic inspection has much appeal to the old time members but with small attendance at meetings and increase of dinner meeting camps, we do not believe it expedient at this time to stress ritualistic work on a camp level. We urge the formation and activity of district degree teams. (Encampment voted to adopt inspection of camps.)

Brother Drown has done his usual fine work on publicity. We thank him for his continued efforts and on his article in the Stoughton Chronicle combatting the erroneous expression "War between the States".

We commend Harry Weiler on his faithful watchdog tactics in guarding our finances. Our records and trust funds are in excellent condition due to his fine work.

Brother Fuller is to be thanked for his work on delinquent camps and the hard work of getting our records and proceedings printed on time.

Committee on officer's reports,
ALLEN B. HOWLAND
LOUIS WINCHELL
PARKER CHANDLER
EMERSON WHITMAN

Two Resolutions were presented by Joel D. Dudley Camp #89. Both were referred to the Committee on Resolution. One was as follows:

RESOLUTION

On behalf of Joel D. Dudley Camp #89, Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, we, the undersigned, present to the Annual Encampment the following Resolution;

Whereas, Miss Mary Bowdwich Forbes of Milton, Massachusetts, a member of one of the great patriotic families of our State, which has furnished many men who served their Country well in the army which preserved the Union as well as in the movement for Abolition;

And, whereas, the said Mary Bowdwich Forbes at great expense has caused to be erected on her estate in Milton an exact reproduction of the cabin where Abraham Lincoln was born as a great object lesson to the youth of the Nation;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED: That the Department of Massachusetts, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in Encampments assembled, hereby cite and congratulate the said Mary Bowdwich Forbes for her outstanding work in the cause of patriotism and declare that her admiration for Abraham Lincoln has been translated into action which will be a beacon light for coming generations.

RESOLVED: That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to Miss Mary Bordwich Forbes.

Fraternally submitted by Joel D. Dudley Camp #89,
Department of Massachusetts,
Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War,
JAMES G. WOLFF, Commander
ALFRED E. COOPER, Secretary

Communications. Letter from Charles H. Thompson Camp #106. Read and placed on file. Letter from Gold Star Mothers Department. Read and placed on file.

New Hampshire Resolution to National Encampment of 1958. Request from Chester S. Shriver of Pennsylvania Department, Chairman of Special Committee appointed by Commander-in-Chief C. Riggs to review and report on these resolutions. F. V. Bell, P.D.C., explained that no action could be taken by this Department Encampment, but that the request from Brothr Shriver should at least merit an expression of opinion as to the attitude of this Department. An informal vote by the delegates showed that our membership was against the proposal for changes and Brother Bell was instructed to advise Brother Shriver to that effect.

Ballots. H. F. Weiler moved that inasmuch as there was only one candidate for each elective office, that no ballots be printed and that candidates for delegates to the National Encampment be nominated in writing with two endorsers each. Motion carried.

This session recessed at 5 PM.

THIRD SESSION, SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1959, 10:35 A. M.

Recognized by the Department Commander and introduced to the Encampment were: G. Leon Lewis, Past Department Commander, Connecticut; Dwight Bromley, Past Department Com-

mander, Rhode Island; Thomas Chadwick, National Patriotic Instructor, Vermont; Carder Perkins, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief, Massachusetts.

A representative of the Boston American came into the session to take photos of Commander-in-Chief Earl F. Riggs and National President Ursula Shepardson.

A report was rendered by Frank Johnson, Camp 56, on conditions in Cambridge and the cooperation of the City Government.

James G. Wolfe, P.C. of Camp #89, gave a report of the cooperation of the Brighton-Allston Unit with the Civil War Centennial Committee.

Howard Waite of the Department Council made a report on the suggested budget for the ensuing year. Action on this was postponed until the afternoon session.

Moved by Department Secretary Fuller, seconded by J. L. Day, to accept offer of Sheraton Plaza Hotel for 1960 Encampment. After discussion by H. F. Weiler and W. O. Fuller, it was voted to table any action until the afternoon session.

Ernest G. Wells, Secretary of the Department Centennial Committee and of the State Commission, spoke of the opportunities for new members through the mounting interest in the coming observances of the Civil War Centennial.

FOURTH SESSION, SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1959, 1:45 P. M.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Resolutions Committee, Past Commander-in-Chief Charles H. E. Moran, Chairman, reported favorably on the resolution of Camp #89 relative to the Forbes Cabin at Milton. The committee reported on a second resolution that no action was necessary as this came within the duties of the Senior Vice Department Commander. Motion was made and carried to accept report of the Committee.

Committee on Officers Reports, P.D.C. Allen Howland. On motion by H. F. Weiler, P.D.C., it was voted to consider each officer's report separately. There was a discussion of the report of the Senior Vice Commander by several. Moved and seconded that the report of the committee be accepted and this was carried.

Senior Vice Commander Mellor made a supplementary report on his collection of funds. (Included in original report.)

P.D.C. Harold M. Drown reported for Publicity. There being no recommendations, no action was taken.

Committee for Restoration, P.D.C. Shephardson, Chairman, reported no petitions on this subject.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendations of Department Council:

No. 1, That this recommendation be accepted for one year, with reference to 1960 Encampment for extension.

No. 2. Reference to 1960 Encampment for action so as to allow time for notice of proposed change in per capita tax to reach all Camps as provided in C. R. & R.

No. 3. Instruct Department Counsellor to review rulings on examination of Trust Funds and other assets in keeping of treasurer.

No. 4. Have Department Secretary send a form to each Camp for reporting funds or real property in possession of Camp.

No. 5. To restore the District Commander System and to approve all other officers appointed by the Department Commander.

The above recommendations adopted in their entirety.

A delegation of ladies was received by the Department Commander as follows: Pauline Tarr, Department President of the Woman's Relief Corps; Alice Harwood, Past Department President, Ladies of G.A.R.; Clara Powers, Past Department President, Daughters of Veterans.

Response to these greetings was made by P.D.C. Addison Quinn.

A delegation from the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Auxiliary was ushered into the Encampment and the following were greeted by the Department Commander: P.D.P. Mary Breman; Department President Barbara Brown; Personal Aide Mary Sampson; P.D.P. Pamelia Elder; National President Ursual Shepardson; Past National President Maude Warren; P.D.P. Flora Bates.

Department President Barbara, through Edward J. Lennon, Department Commander, presented a substantial check to the Department.

Response to the greetings was made by John L. Day, P.D.C.

The letter from Sheraton Plaza Hotel was taken from the table and was discussed by Brothers Winchell, Day, Driver, Waite, Fuller, Drown, Wood and Place. A visit by P.D.C. Weiler as a committee of one to the Auxiliary developed that their organization had shown no choice for 1960 and that they would go along with any decision made by our Department. There was a further discussion about the New Ocean House at Swampscott but no action was taken. Moved that the Executive Committee settle the question of a meeting place for the 1960 Encampment and also a motion by Brother Waite that the Executive Committee get bids from hotels for the Encampments of 1961 and 1962. Both of these motions were carried.

At this point Commander-in-Chief Riggs spoke briefly of features to be expected at the next National Encampment to be held at Long Beach, California, in August, 1959.

The budget was then read by Department Commander Lennon after which there was a discussion of the figures by Brothers Fuller and Weiler. The budget was carried as suggested.

ESTIMATED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1959-1960

April 1 through March 31

Expenses	
Outstanding Bills:	
G.A.R. Fund	$ 74.60
Secretary's Salary	250.00
Treasurer's Salary	75.00
	$ 399.60
Tax (950 members)	950.00
Secretary's Salary	300.00
Treasurer's Salary	50.00
Proceedings	150.00
Encampment Expense	125.00
Dept. Commdr. (Nat.)	200.00
Dept. Commdr. (travel)	50.00
Postage	60.00
Printing and Stationery	65.00
Telephone	130.00
Headquarters	350.00
Supplies	50.00
Bank Charges	10.00
Box Rent	5.00
Commander's Badge	15.00
Bonds of Officers	7.50
Miscellaneous	25.00
Contingent	50.00
Total	$2,992.60

Receipts	
Tax (850 members)	$1,190.00
Div. on Per. Fund	700.00
Aux. Rent	131.50
Telephone	65.00
Dept. Reg. Fee	75.00
Ways and Means Fund	100.00
Supplies	10.00
Total	$2,271.50

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Receipts	$2,271.50
Expense	2,992.60
Deficit	$ 691.10

Respectfully submitted,

DEPARTMENT COUNCIL

WILLIAM W. HASKELL, Chairman

HOWARD E. WAITE

ERNEST G. WELLS

The election of officers, all unanimously approved, resulted as follows:

Commander: Clark Mellor

Senior Vice Commander: Henry S. Bowen

Junior Vice Commander: Edward Bressette

Council: Howard E. Waite, Ernest G. Wells, John L. Day

Secretary: William O. Fuller

Treasurer: Henry F. Weiler

Councilor: Malcolm M. Donahue

Executive Committee: Charles H. E. Moran, Charles W. Hooper, Addison Quinn, Allen B. Howland, Col. Frederic G. Bauer

Chaplain: Rev. George H. Driver

Patriotic Instructor: Carder A. Perkins

Chief-of-Staff: William W. Haskell

Personal Aide: Frederick C. Haynes

Organizer: Gilman Harrington

Assistant Organizer: Frank Reed

Inspector: Millard Brown

Camp Instructor: William C. Rule

Musician: John B. Davis

Press Correspondent: Harold M. Drown

The Credential Committee made a final report showing 66 voting delegates, present and past officers present.

Session recessed at 5:00 P.M.

FIFTH SESSION, SUNDAY, APRIL 19, 1959, AT 10:00 A. M.

JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICE

Massachusetts Department Sons of Union Veterans
of the Civil War and Auxiliary

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Oval Room, Sheraton Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass.
April 19, 1959 10:00 A.M.

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Department Chaplains
George H. Driver Marie A. Wright

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Processional

Draping of Department Charters
Department Commander, Edwin J. Lennon
Department President, Barbara D. Brown

Music — Battle Hymn of the Republic
Tribute to the Grand Army . . . . . Ernest Wells
Eulogy of P.D.C. George Kimball . . . . . John B. Davis, P.D.C.
Necrology . . . . William O. Fuller, Department Secretary (Sons)
Viola D. Brunet, Department Secretary (Auxiliary)
Solo — Aibde with Me . . . . . Addison Quinn
Prayer . . . . . Rev. George H. Driver
In Memoriam (Candlelight service)
Hymn — Rock of Ages . . . . . Entire Assembly
Benediction . . . . . Rev. George H. Driver

SOLACE

They are not gone — these loved ones whom we mourn
We must not think of them as far away.
Unto a fuller life have they been born,
Laying aside the vesture of this clay.
Yet near us still they watch, and love and know;
We are the blind ones who no longer see
Beloved forms that softly come and go,
Waiting reunions in eternity.

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Following the Memorial Service, the officers were installed by the Commander-in-Chief, Earl Riggs,